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SUBJECT: REVISED TEXT OF TALKING POINTS FOR SWAPO TALKS

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1. WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP MET AUGUST 5 AND AGREED,
AD REFERENDUM TO CAPITALS, ON FOLLOWING CHANGES IN REFTEL DRAFT.

2. PART I, SECTION III (PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THE INITIATIVE),
TICK ONE: IN FIRST SENTENCE, DELETE "OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED NATIONS." IN THIRD SENTENCE,
DELETE "MIDDLE WAY BETWEEN THE IRRECONCILABLE LEGAL
POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES" AND SUBSTITUTE "WAY THROUGH
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THE LEGAL DIFFICULTIES." TICK ONE NOW READS " ONE OF THE
REASONS FOR THE FAILURE OF PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO FIND A
SOLUTION OF THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM HAS BEEN THE INSISTENCE
ON MAXIMUM LEGAL POSITIONS WHICH, IN EFFECT, DEMANDED
THE CAPITULATION OF THE OTHER SIDE. RATHER THAN FACILI-
TATING A SOLUTION, THIS APPROACH DROVE THE PARTIES EVER
FARTHER APART. OURS IS A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO FIND A

PRACTICAL WAY THROUGH THE LEGAL DIFFICULTIES.

3. PART I, SECTION III, TICK TWO: IN LAST SENTENCE, DELETE "PREJUDICE SWAPO'S LEGAL POSITON OR". SENTENCE NOW READS "WE WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY NEED NOT COMPROMISE THE GOAL OF UNITY AND INDEPENDENCE, AND IT WOULD HAVE TO BE MATCHED BY SOUTH AFRICAN FLEXIBILITY."

4. PART I, SECTION III, TICK THREE: IN SECOND SENTENCE, ADD "ALL" AFTER "IF IMPLEMENTED IN". SENTENCE NOW READS "IT IS A BALANCED DOCUMENT WHICH, IF IMPLEMENTED IN ALL ITS ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS, WILL LEAD TO A VALID ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION ON THE PART OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA."

5. PART II, PARAGRAPH TEN, BEGINNING "WE ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION": INSERT "WHILE WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE CONCEPT THAT THE RELEASE OF NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS SHOULD IN ANY WAY BE LINKED TO THE RELEASE OF NAMIBIANS HELD ELSEWHERE" AT BEGINNING OF LAST SENTENCE. SENTENCE NOW READS "WHILE WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE CONCEPT THAT THE RELEASE OF NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS SHOULD IN ANY WAY BE LINKED TO THE RELEASE OF NAMIBIANS HELD ELSEWHERE, WE REITERATED OUR VIEW THAT ALL NAMIBIANS, WHEREVER HELD, SHOULD BE FREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS."

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6. PART II, PARAGRAPH THIRTEEN, BEGINNING "WITH REGARD TO WALVIS BAY": DELETE WHOLE PARAGRAPH.

7. PART III, NUMBERED PARAGRAPH 4: IN FIRST SENTENCE, INSERT "WHILE WE HAVE DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT TO THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM" AFTER "STRESS THAT", DELETE "ARE", AFTER "THESE IDEAS" AND INSERT "REMAIN AT THIS STAGE" AFTER "THESE IDEAS". SENTENCE NOW READS "THIRDLY, I MUST STRESS THAT WHILE WE HAVE DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT TO THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM, THESE IDEAS REMAIN AT THIS STAGE OUR OWN."

8. PART III, NUMBERED PARAGRAPH 6, SUBPARAGRAPH (I), ENTITLED ORGANIZATION, STAFFING, DEPLOYMENT, FINANCING, TICK SEVEN, BEGINNING, "ALL IN ALL": DELETE LAST TWO SENTENCES.
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